



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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May 15, 2012

The Honorable Board of Directors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

### ADOPTED

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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*Sachia C. Hamai*  
SACHIA HAMAI  
SECRETARY

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS  
AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO SUPPLEMENT THE CITY OF SAN  
GABRIEL'S VINCENT LUGO PARK RENOVATION PROJECT  
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$50,000 in Cities Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of San Gabriel, to supplement the funding for its Vincent Lugo Park Renovation Project.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Certify that the Board, as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the proposed project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted by the City of San Gabriel, as lead agency; determine that the documents adequately address the environmental impacts of the proposed project; find that your Board has complied with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act with respect to the process for a responsible agency and adopt by reference the City's Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
2. Allocate \$50,000 in Cities Excess Funds to the City of San Gabriel, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to supplement the funding for its Vincent Lugo Park Renovation Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director

of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant amendment in the amount of \$50,000 to the City of San Gabriel, if applicable conditions have been met and authorize the Director to administer the grant amendment as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$50,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of San Gabriel to supplement the funding for its Vincent Lugo Park Renovation Project.

The City of San Gabriel (the City) is an eligible recipient of Excess Funds under the 1996 Proposition.

On August 15, 2006, your Board approved an allocation of \$100,000 of Cities Excess Funds to the City for the installation of ball field lighting at Vincent Lugo Park. Of that \$100,000 allocation, \$26,102 was spent on the Vincent Lugo Park Renovation Project. On November 21, 2006, your Board approved a further allocation of \$150,000 in Competitive Excess Funds to the City for the addition of pedestrian trails and bridges to the park, and an interpretive trail along Alhambra Wash and a link to trails connecting the park to the City's Mission District. Finally, on January 19, 2010, your Board approved an allocation of \$150,000 in Cities and Competitive Excess Funds to the City for an additional phase of the Trail project at Vincent Lugo Park to construct a decorative trail fence along the Alhambra Wash.

The Project is currently funded with \$1,050,433 in a grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, \$330,887 in State bond funds, \$740,108 from the Park Development Impact Fund, \$500,637 in Los Angeles River Parkways grant funds and \$326,102 in Proposition A Excess Funds. The requested \$50,000 in Cities Excess Funds would supplement project costs that total to \$2,998,167.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 2), and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3), by increasing access to outdoor recreation and trails in the City of San Gabriel in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the Excess Funds grants, in the amount of \$50,000, is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant amendment as well.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The City, in its role as lead agency in matters pertaining to compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) adopted by the City Council on July 3, 2007, found and determined that with the imposition of mitigation measures as a condition of approval of the proposed project there was no substantial evidence that the project would have a significant effect on the environment; found that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflected the independent judgment of the City; approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and found that the project will have no adverse effect on fish and wildlife resources. As part of the scope of the Mitigated Negative Declaration, a Mitigation and Reporting Program has been prepared by the City. County Counsel, when asked said that the report didn't need to be attached. This program will be implemented and monitored by the City.

With respect to your Board's approval of the project described herein, the County also acts as a responsible agency for the purposes of CEQA, and therefore, we recommend that your Board independently consider and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

A Grant Project Agreement Amendment will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement Amendment will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District but are required so that the City of San Gabriel may complete its Vincent Lugo Park Renovation Project, if all applicable conditions are met.

**CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized flourish at the end.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors